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Applicant : Niehoff
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Filed : May 7, 1999
For : SYRINGE WITH INDICIA FOR CONTROLLING PLUNGER DRIVE
(AS AMENDED)

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Examiner: J. Maynard
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF AMENDMENT FOR APPEAL, AND REFUND

An appeal brief was entered in this matter on May 30, 2001, and on August 14, 2001, the Examiner entered an answer. No reply was entered by the Applicant.

On October 23, 2001, An Amendment for Appeal was filed in the above-identified application. This amendment was not a reply or otherwise directed to the substance of the brief and answer. The purpose of this amendment was to simplify issues for appeal by eliminating an antecedent basis problem in claim 24.

On March 26, 2002, the Examiner mailed an Advisory Action refusing to enter the October 23, 2001 amendment. Applicant submits that the October 23, 2001 amendment was directed to matters of form and simplifies issues for appeal by

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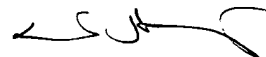
eliminating antecedent basis informalities in the claims.

Applicant therefore requests reconsideration of the Examiner's refusal to enter the October 23, 2001 amendment.

Separately, Applicant has learned that a fee for extension of time in the amount of \$55 has been charged to the deposit account of the undersigned. This charge was not appropriate as the October 23, 2001 was not a reply brief nor was it an amendment filed in any period of mandatory reply. No extension of time was requested or authorized. No extension of time was needed to file an amendment for appeal as was done on October 23, 2001.

Applicant thus respectfully request a refund of the extension of time fee of \$55.00. Please credit our deposit account no. 23-2000 the \$55.00 charged in error at your earliest possible convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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